

MICHIGAN AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Lansing, Michigan

July 25, 2007

Pursuant to Section 31 of Act 327 of the Public Acts of 1945, the Commissioners of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission (MAC), created by said act, met in the Michigan Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 E. Airport Service Drive, on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, commencing at the hour of approximately 10:00 a.m.

Members Present

Joyce Woods, Vice Chair
Terry Everman, Commissioner
Sidney Adams, Jr., Commissioner
J. William Prochazka, Commissioner
Leon Hank, Designee - MDOT
Richard Elliott, Designee – DMVA
Daniel Atkinson, Designee - MSP
Rob Abent, Commission Director

Staff

Barbara Burris, Executive Division
Rick Hammond, Airports Division
Pauline Misjak, Aviation Services
David Baker, Airports Division
Linn Smith, Airports Division
Mark Noel, Airports Division

Members Absent

James Collins, Chairman
Dennis Fedewa, Designee – MDNR

Also Present

Pat Isom, Assistant Attorney General-In
Charge, Transportation Division

A list of all others present is attached to the official minutes.

I. OPENING REMARKS

The July 25, 2007, Aeronautics Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Joyce Woods at 10:05 a.m. She welcomed all in attendance. She noted the absence of Chairman Collins, who is recuperating from a brief hospital stay, and that of DNR Designee Dennis Fedewa and Statutory Member Kirk Steudle. MDOT Designee Leon Hank attended on behalf of Commissioner Steudle.

The Vice Chair advised that Chairman Collins had planned to announce his selections for the Nominating Committee, which will make recommendations regarding the positions of chair and vice chair for FY 2008, and present them at the September 19 meeting in Boyne Falls. MAC Bylaws stipulate the nominating committee be chaired by the immediate past president and at least one other appointed Commissioner. She advised that the Nominating Committee, per discussions with Chairman Collins, would be comprised of immediate past chair Terry Everman and Commissioner Sidney Adams.

II. COMMISSION BUSINESS**A. Minutes of May 30, 2007**

Turning to the prepared agenda, the Vice Chair called for changes or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held May 30, 2007. Hearing none, she entertained a motion for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Adams, with support from Commissioner Prochazka, to approve the Minutes of May 30, 2007. By unanimous voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

The Vice Chair called on Funding Manager David Baker to present the 20 AIP projects and one loan pending Commission approval.

B. Federal/State/Local Projects

Airport Name & Associated City/County	Project Description	Federal \$	State \$	Local \$	Total \$
W.K. Kellogg Battle Creek	Site preparation for new maintenance/SRE storage facility	950,000	25,000	25,000	1,000,000
Beaver Island Beaver Island	Land acquisition for parcel 6: Terminal area study	59,091	12,926	1,847	73,864
Roben-Hood Big Rapids	Land acquisition & obstruction clearing; paint marking;	541,600	118,475	16,925	677,000

Airport Name & Associated City/County	Project Description	Federal \$	State \$	Local \$	Total \$
	construction of 10-unit T-hangar & taxiway; SRE bldg; terminal parking area & entrance road; hangar demolition; AWOS power feed relocation; terminal sanitary sewer connection				
Wexford County Cadillac	LPV survey	50,000	10,937	1,563	62,500
Tuscola Area Caro	Taxiway lighting (MITL)	245,600	53,725	7,675	307,000
Detroit Metro-Wayne Co. Detroit	Safety Management System Study	200,000	0	66,667	266,667

Mr. Baker described the safety management system study as a pilot program, instituted by the FAA, to integrate safety procedures between FAA and airport personnel.

Bishop International Flint	Supplemental for baggage claim expansion	915,277	24,086	69,932	1,009,295
Gerald R. Ford Intl. Grand Rapids	Design of ramp expansion & taxiway E; design of terminal security improvements	190,000	5,000	5,000	200,000
Greenville Municipal Greenville	Terminal building & parking area construction; apron expansion	311,999	68,250	9,750	389,999
Tulip City Holland	Runway & taxiway modifications for east end, incl new taxiway lighting; MALSR replacement for rwy 26; blast pad for rwy 8	2,118,400	55,747	55,748	2,229,895

With respect to Tulip City Airport, Mr. Baker indicated that the 6,262-foot runway would be shortened by 262 feet to eliminate any obstructions in the object-free area.

Tulip City Holland	ALP update; design of hangar area site prep & terminal apron rehabilitation	160,000	35,000	5,000	200,000
Jackson County-Reynolds Field Jackson	SRE building concept/budget report; wetland credit bank purchase for rwy 14/32; final design for rwy 14/32	187,800	41,081	5,869	234,750
Jackson County-Reynolds Field Jackson	Land acquisition consultant costs for parcel 86	20,000	4,375	625	25,000

Price's Linden	Land acquisition consultant costs for runway 27 approach	0	47,500	2,500	50,000
Sawyer International Marquette	Renovations to hangar bldg 402, phase 1; terminal parking lot improvements (supplemental)	1,764,000	46,421	46,421	1,856,842
Monroe Custer Monroe	ALP update	64,720	14,157	2,023	80,900
Mt. Pleasant Municipal Mt. Pleasant	LPV survey	50,000	10,937	1,563	62,500
Oakland County Intl. Pontiac	Supplemental transfer for runway 09R/27L 320' extension and RSA improvements	1,234,000	77,503	33,629	1,345,132
Sandusky City Sandusky	Environmental assessment for runway 9 extension; update Exhibit A	12,000	2,625	375	15,000
Statewide	AWOS system-wide upgrades (includes 37 sites)	95,000	5,000	0	100,000
Totals		9,169,487	658,745	358,112	10,186,344

The Vice Chair entertained questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Everman asked for clarification regarding consulting costs as regards Price Airport.

Mr. Baker indicated that certified appraisals must be obtained and the cost of the land negotiated so that deeds may be recorded, and so forth. This service is provided to the bureau in conjunction with all land acquisitions. Purchase of land in this case involves only one landowner and an easement to allow for removal of encroaching trees.

With respect to the loan request, Mr. Baker explained that under a program established in conjunction with the Department of Treasury, airports are able to apply for loans to make improvements at airports where local governments need additional funds. The Tuscola Area Airport Authority has requested a loan for \$100,000 for the airport at Caro. The loan will be repaid over 10 years at a rate of 4.1 percent interest. The loan has been approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury. The loan will provide funding for a 70 x 72-foot maintenance hangar. Locals will be contributing approximately \$30,000 on the project.

There being no other questions, the Vice Chair entertained a motion to approve the 20 transfers and one loan presented by Mr. Baker.

It was moved by Commissioner Adams, with support from Commissioner Hank, to approve the 20 transfers and one loan as described by Mr. Baker. By unanimous voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

At this juncture, the Vice Chair instructed Mr. Baker to continue and identify the supplemental transfers approved in accordance with Commission Policy subsequent to May 25, 2007. The five supplemental transfers are as follows:

Freeland, MBS International: A 2.18 percent increase in federal/state/local funds has been approved to cover the final quantity adjustments in the project defined as follows: 1) Rehab terminal sewer; 2) SRE – deicing material spreader; and 3) pavement marking. The original cost of \$632,000 is increased by \$13,750, for a total project cost of \$645,750.

Freeland, MBS International: A 1.17 percent increase in federal/state/local funds has been approved to cover the final quantity adjustments in the project defined as follows: 1) Security system enhancements and FIDS (flight identification data systems). The original cost of \$652,000 is increased by \$7,616, for a total project cost of \$659,616.

Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International: An 18.8 percent decrease in funding has been approved on the project described as follows: Taxiway B south relocation separation to 400 feet (centerline). The anticipated cost of \$4,200,000 has been decreased by \$789,000, for a total project cost of \$3,411,000.

New Hudson, Oakland/Southwest: A 15 percent increase in federal/state/local funds has been approved on the project defined as follows: Rehabilitation of existing connector taxiway. The original cost of \$60,000 has been increased by \$9,000, for a total project cost of \$69,000.

Willow Run, Willow Run: An 11.6 percent increase in federal/state/local funds has been approved on the project defined as follows: Noise study, ARFF vehicle, wildlife fencing and RSA improvements (design, environmental assessment, and land acquisition). The original cost of \$4,850,099 has been increased by \$562,029, for a total project cost of \$5,412,128.

No official action is required on the supplementals.

Hearing no questions on the supplementals, the Vice Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests were received for public comment.

The Vice Chair called on Director Abent for his “Director’s Report.”

IV. REPORTS

Director’s Report

Director Abent noted that a workshop, conducted by Dave Baker, had been held prior to the meeting on the procedures used in the funding of airport improvement projects. He referred the Commissioners to a handout on the State Long Range Plan, which has been two years in the making. The so-called SLRP will guide the Department of Transportation for the next 30 years in evaluating and prioritizing highway projects. Earlier this month, staffs of the Aeronautics Bureau conducted a detailed budget briefing for the Michigan Association of Airport Executives on how the current budget crisis will be addressed. He recognized and thanked Ms. Suzi Avery from Metro Airport. Ms. Avery led a tour of the new north terminal complex for leadership of the department.

There being no further business before the Commission, the Chairman announced that the next regular meeting of the Commission will be held in Boyne Falls on September 19, in conjunction with the fall conference of the Michigan Association of Airport Executives. She asked the Commissioners to review the material distributed on the conference.

At approximately 10:25 a.m., the Vice Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Director

Vice Chair

Dated: _____